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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: DRAVO OFFER TO GOP OF PATROL BOATS

1. FAR EAST REPRESENTATIVE OF DRAVO INTERNATIONAL, BRUCE MEYER, TOLD EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 12 THAT DRAVO SOME TIME AGO OFFERED AFP A 183-FOOT PATROL BOAT FOR "A LITTLE OVER \$10 MILLION" EACH. MEYER SAID THAT OFFER WAS INTENDED TO COMPETE WITH PATROL BOAT (PSSM) PRODUCED BY TACOMA BOAT CO.

2. MEYER SAID THAT PRINCIPAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DRAVO OFFER AND PENDING DEAL WITH TACOMA BOAT, IS THAT DRAVO PATROL BOAT(S) WOULD BE BUILT IN PHILIPPINES RATHER THAN IN U.S. AS WOULD BE THE CASE WITH CRAFT MADE BY TACOMA BOAT. MEYER SAID THAT THE PROSPECT OF CREATING JOBS FOR FILIPINOS BY DEALING WITH DRAVO IS PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE TO THE AFP.

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3. MEYER SAID THE AFP SEEMS TO BE STALLING IN MAKING UP ITS MIND ON WHICH PATROL BOAT TO CHOOSE. MEYER SAID THAT CAPTAIN ALFREDO ROMUALDEZ (YOUNGEST BROTHER OF MRS. MARCOS--HE IS IN PHILIPPINE NAVY) TOLD HIM RECENTLY THAT THE DECISION ON PATROL BOATS MAY BECOME WRAPPED UP IN THE COMPENSATION ISSUE IN BASE NEGOTIATIONS. MEYER ASKED EMBOFF WHETHER THIS HAD HAPPENED. EMBOFF SAID THAT CURRENT

DISCUSSIONS ON BASES RELATE ONLY TO THE PRINCIPLES SET
FORTH IN THE JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT IN MAY AND DO NOT RPT NOT
INVOLVE QUESTION OF COMPENSATION. TOUSSAINT

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